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Chief of Base, Salzburg   19 December 1952
   Attn: [   ]
Chief of Base, Vienna

                    Operational
                    Austria/I - GROSSBAHN Citizenship

        REF: SLZ 7069, EAVA-1041

        1. This is a hard nut to crack and we feel that it will be diffi-
cult to circumvent [   ]'s alert eye and considerable authority in
matters of this sort.

        2. It is our understanding that Austrian citizenship can be secured
in one of three ways:

            a. If the applicant has resided here for less than four years,
he may apply to the Provincial Landeshauptmann and if his application is
approved it moves on to the Council of Ministers, who can grant citizenship on
the ground that this action is beneficial to the national interest. All appli-
cations clear through the Minister of the Interior and pass over [   ]
desk for security scrutiny.

            b. If the candidate has resided here for ten years or more, he
files an application for citizenship at the office of the Landeshauptmann, who
has the authority to grant or deny this request without further clearance on
a higher level.

            c. If the individual has resided here from four to ten years
he files an application with the Landeshauptmann, and if it is approved it goes
to the Minister of Interior, who is authorized to grant or deny the request,
as he sees fit.

        3. We assume that GROSSBAHN fits into Category "c" and if this is
the case, it will be necessary to clear his application through the Salzburg
Landeshauptmannschaft and have it sent to Vienna when [   ] is away
from his desk (i.e., summer vacation in August-September) and trust that he
doesn't have a black flag on GROSSBAHN's file card which indicates that all
inquiries on the individual are to be called to [   ]'s personal
attention.

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        as to EAVA 1334.

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4. In a routine citizenship application case which came to the undersigned's attention, it was disclosed that 10,000 schillings placed in a politician's pocket by an enterprising refugee resulted in wiping away all obstacles and red tape. Since GROSSBAHN could not pit his weight against [ ] in OeVP circles, it might be worth considering the cultivation of an influential SPOe politician for this purpose. This is merely a suggestion for your consideration.

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